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TITLE: STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
COMMUNICATION AND INTERFACING WITH MULTIPLE  
PLATFORMS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 10, 2008, in which the Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-21, and 23-26 in the above-identified application as filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the statement of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants will not specifically address or respond herein to the issues/points raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's provided remarks. However, this should not necessarily be viewed as constituting acquiescence by Applicants as to the correctness of some or all of the Examiner's provided remarks. Moreover, Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that no new claims or new matter has been added to the application. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466. The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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